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At a regular meeting with the American Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors on November 20, the Ambassador mentioned the Senate Foreign Operations Bill that would enact a visa ban and freezing of assets of those Uzbeks allegedly involved with the events in Andijon. The Board of Directors expressed concern over the bill, for American companies encountered many problems when the Uzbek-USG relationship turned downward in 2006. Some of the larger companies, including Chevron-Texaco, Nukem and Boeing, have strong lobbyists in the U.S. and will inform their headquarters of the bill.